

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 have been examined. New claims 15-18 have been added to further describe the patentable features of the present invention. Claims 11-14 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue these claims in a divisional or continuation application.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 11-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Since claims 11-14 have been canceled the rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Urs et al. (US Patent No. 6,292,781).

However, the Applicants' invention relates to a system which allows for a simultaneous interaction with a website by means of Wireless Application Protocol (WAP), HyperText Markup Language (HTML), etc., using speech and non-speech related control signals originating, for example, from a microphone or a computer mouse, respectively. Thus, the present invention allows independent use of both a speech communication channel and a non-speech communication channel to, for example, navigate from a web page to a second web page by traversing a link.

Urs, on the other hand, merely relates to a pure voice application (i.e., performing distributed speech processing) configured for transmission of either encoded speech or data (Abstract). However, Urs fails to disclose a simultaneous interaction with a website using

speech and non-speech related control signals. Therefore, independent claims 1, 5, 8 and 10 are patentable for at least this reason.

The remaining claims are patentable at least by virtue of their dependencies.

III. New claims

By this Amendment, Applicants have added new claims 15-18 to further define the claimed invention. Applicants respectfully submit claim 15-18 recite additional features which are not taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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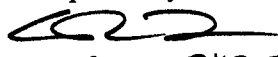
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